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大沢直樹は小科医「今日」で
料理人として働きながら
一人娘・千都を育てるシングルファーザー。
恋という感情はとくに忘れたい日々を
送っている。
そんな大沢を現在口院にしているのが、
「今井」の常流・吉岡誠一。
名前を置けるかのような恋多き男からの
思いをいなしにいた大沢だったが、
吉岡と関係することになって…。

オトナの恋を描いた大人気作
ついにコミックス化!



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FIRST INTRODUCED IN ASOU KAI'S
"YACHIN HANBUN NO IBASHO DESU."

YOU CAN FIND THEM IN
CHAPTER 4 AND CHAPTER 5.

THIS TIME, THEY BECOME
THE 2 MAIN CHARACTERS!^{AA}



Shinmaakoku *

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Sorenari ni
Shinken nandesu.

Chapter 1



Sorenari ni Shinken nandesu.!

それなりに真剣なんです。!





Contact
rates...

Polymers...
Towels...



I'm
sorry.

Thank
you
for the
meal.

If you're full,
you don't
have to eat
it all. Just go
get ready.

What's
wrong?

If you don't
hurry, you'll
be late.

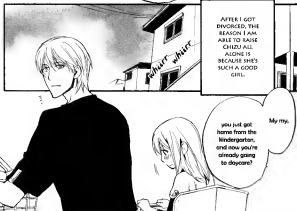
Yes...



Sorry.

I'm always
busy at work
and can't
play with
you much.

Chin...
you must
be lonely.



Well, it
might be
easier on
Ozawa-san
that way...

She's still so
young, but
she has to
force herself
to be such a
good girl.

Chizu must be
lonely without
her mother.

You don't
have anyone
to remarry?

Well...

If you need
anything, you
can come to
auntie.

Well, I have
to hurry
now.

SOMETHING
THAT I FOUND
OUT AFTER
I BECAME A
SINGLE FATHER.

Yes,
thank
you.

THE SMILE
I PUT ON FOR
THE NEIGHBORS
IS HARDER THAN
THE SMILE I PUT
ON FOR WORK.

Hope that
auntie...

I...







WITH WORK AND MY DAUGHTER, TIME PASSES BY IN A FLASH.





Ookawa-kun,
aren't you a bit
cold lately?

Welcome—



It must
be your
imagina-
tion.

That's
not true.



I DON'T EVEN
HAVE TIME TO
FALL IN LOVE.

!

Yoshioka-
san...

TO TELL
YOU THE
TRUTH,
I'M KIND
OF BAD

AT DEALING
WITH
YOSHIOKA-
SAN.

Oh... you
are just
about
to open.

I thought
I would have to
wait a while.



Oosawa-kun,
if you're currently
single, why don't
you date me?

I think
he's a good
person...

Should I
get you this
ready?

YOSHIO-
KA-SAN IS
MY EXACT
OPPOSITE.
HE HAS
TENS
OF LOVE
STORIES.



I'm
straight.

Who knows...
you might be
my next love.

LATELY, HE
WOULD EVEN
REDUCE ME AS
A GREETING.

I got dumped
by Yutaka just
the other day...

We sure did...



SINCE HE
ALWAYS BRINGS
HIS LOVERS AND
HIS CLOSE
FRIENDS OVER
TO THE SHOP,
I AM AWARE OF
HIS CURRENT
AFFAIRS.

Kodakimaru~

MAYBE
BECAUSE
I'VE KNOWN
HIM SINCE
I STARTED
WORKING
HERE.

Thanks
for the
offer...

--but no.

I'M OPEN
TO THE
FACT THAT
HE'S SAY.

Too
bad.



*I got
Rumour
about...*

YET HE DID,
AND HE WAS
BUSTED ON
ONE OF HIS
AFFAIRS.
MADE HIS
PREVIOUS
LOVER CRY.

HE ALWAYS
SMILES LIKE
THAT, I JUST
CAN'T TELL
WHETHER HE'S
INTROSPECTING
OR NOT.

HE SAID HE
WOULDN'T
LAY HIS HAND
ON ANY OF HIS
COLLEAGUES
BECAUSE IT'D
BE A HASSLE IF
IT WENT AWAY.

HE FRE-
QUENTLY
CHANGES
LOVERS.

Welcome...

IN MY OPINION,
HE'S A CAREFREE
PERSON WHEN IT
COMES TO LOVE.



And I just
can't tell why
anyone ever
wants to become
his lover.



You're
drinking
at quite a
pace, just
be careful.

No, it's
not an
"OH".

Ooh?

Were you
thinking
about me?

Is that
an "OH"?



I'm drinking
to get drunk
anyway.



1. **QUESTION**
 2. **ANSWER**
 3. **EXPLANATION**
 4. **REFERENCE**

2 Maricao,
1 Maricao-
Tabara,
1 Avenida
Selva.

Get it
now!

Keywords: child sexual abuse; disclosure; social support

1. *Symptoms*
1. *History*



DON'T
FORGET AGE

NO WAY

slap

EVEN SO,
IT WAS
NO
GOOD

YOSHIOKA-SAN AND
YUKITO-SAN MADE UP
AFTER THEY BROKE UP
ONCE HE DIDN'T
SEARCH FOR A NEW
ONE AT THAT TIME

SHUT IT ABOUT
TIME YOU TURN
YOUR MOOD
AROUND?
LET'S MAKE
UP ALREADY



I guess
he is serious
this time...

Shut

Here's station
and passage
being taken
on the toilet

I thought
he will like
type that
won't cry
over split
with ...



Shingo

Can I
sit here?

Yotto

There's
the other
partner

Ah

Welcome

slide

I know
you'd be
here.

Ah

I thought
Sei-shen might
just be here.







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Now that's
not the face
I'd see
everyday...

THIS GUY

I JUST CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
THAT...

CAN DRINK EASILY
WITH SOMEONE WHO
WAS HIS LOVER

ONCE YOU AND YOUR PARTNER
ENCOUNTER A CONFLICT, IT
WOULD BE REALLY DIFFICULT

TO LAUGH TOGETHER
LIKE YOU USED TO.

It's not like
it's different
because no
one was
between them...

It must be
impossible
for me...

CO



Go in
grab with

Would
you like
to rest
upright?

Mmm...

open

BECAUSE HE
SMILED LIKE
HE ALWAYS
DID, I DIDN'T
NOTICE ANY-
THING WRONG



This is the
first time
I see him
passed out



Yoshioka-san,
Shingo-san has
gone home

Mmm...



"I'M SINGLE AGAIN"



tap

tap

tap

tap



Yes

When you're
done with that
one, put it in
the fridge and
help me here.



It's not
the one that
broke

open

We're done
with tomorrow's
preparation

THIS TIME,
SEEMS LIKE
IT HIT HIM
REAL HARD...









YOU SEE?

I'll do the cleaning
and locking
the shop.

I DON'T HAVE
THE LEISURE TO
EVEN THINK
ABOUT LOVE.

Okay!
I'm sorry!

it seems her
temperature
is getting
pretty high.

And...

Chiu got a fever
and they can't take in
side children... So they
need you to come
get her quickly.





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Chou-
chan, your
father is here
to get you.



Excuse
me,

I'm
Oosawa.

MY DAUGHTER, CHIZU, GOT A
FEVER WHEN SHE WAS AT THE
DAYCARE CENTER. AND I WAS
CALLED SINCE THEY WON'T
TAKE IN SICK CHILDREN.



I'm
sorry...
Nao-
hiko...

Nah, don't
worry about
it. We're
done for
the day.

How
about
your
job?



And also,
we're very sorry,
but if Chou-chan
still has a fever to-
morrow, we can't
take her in.

It's
a bit far
without
a car
though.

These two
hospitals are
the only ones
nearby that
still take in
patients at
this hour.

Here are
the map and
the phone
numbers.

Sorry
to hear
about
you.

Ah,
okay.



RAISING A CHILD AS A WORKING SINGLE PARENT IS A VERY DIFFICULT TASK INDEED.

I wonder if there's with a doc.

As the sick child disappears certain...



NOW THAT TENCHOJI IS ABSENT, I CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE ANY WORK.

I'm all alone.



nor a friend who would take care of a sick child

I have no family living nearby

WHAT WOULD SOMEONE DO AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?



But you're shivering!

Yeah, I'm... fine...

grab



Can you hold on?

Hang in there for a while, okay?

clank



Horishi told me about this place.

I'm glad to be nearby.

Come with me.

What? What kidnapper!

...Yoshi-aka-san?



WHY DID
YOSHIOKA
SAY...

Ah,
I'm...

Just
now...

Yeah,
I'll bring
her over
to your
place.



Mon...

Don't ask
for the
impossible
this late,
will you?



Well, children
Have doctors
all the time,
it's not
their job.

I'll give
you some
medicine.
Be sure to
drink them,
okay?

Yes.

You don't
mind our
medicines,
do you?

No,
it's
okay.



Here's the
prescription.

They're
from our
pharmacy
next door.



I'm
sorry.

It feels
nice helping
people.

Doctor.







No wonder you
always reject me.

If your daughter
stayed at the
daycare until this
late, does that
mean your wife
is also working?

No...

I'm di-
vorced...

I'm married,
to a girl
ask me out...

But I didn't
know you
have a child.
Oooooo-
hun.

You have
to work
tomorrow,
right?

I'm fine.
I'm quite
confident
when it
comes to
stamina.



...no.

No...

Any lead
on sick child
daycare center?

Any parents
or family
nearby that
you can rely
on?



It's
closer
to your
shop.

Stay at
my place.

Wait...

I have extra
rooms, and it
doesn't turn out
for the women,
the clinic is
nearby.

Don't take
my (daycare)

...come
here.

Tomorrow I'll
be going back
and forth from
the shop, so
things should
work out...

Huh?



This is
for your
sake.

And more
than that for
that child.
Having her
father nearby
would speed
her recovery.

Also, it would
be good if she
could rest as soon
as possible.



Come on,
it will be
easier for
me that
way, too.

And just until
tomorrow.



Come.

Get in,
get in.

I WONDER IF
THIS WOULD
BE OKAY...

BURDENING MY
REGULAR
CUSTOMER...



If you can find
a place that
would take her
in by tomorrow,
then every-
thing's fine.

Okay



You should stay over, too, for tonight.

If you need anything, you can go get it tomorrow.



flomp

Use this room.

I'm sorry.

Here.

Lay her down.

It's really right in front of the shop.



And the bath as well.

You can also use the kitchen and anything in the fridge.

Let me help you.

Okay.

You can come in whenever you want.

I'll give you the key later.

...okay.



What is it?

It's kinda...

This is a room of a smoker...

but there's no smell...

Ah.

Awk!



Awk! Awk! Awk! would you be the using mine?

Yes, I'm sorry for troubling you with everything.



ABOUT HOSPITAL AND ALL... WHEN I THINK ABOUT TOMORROW... HE REALLY SAVED THE DAY.

I COULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED I'D BE IN YOSHIOKAWA'S CARE...



...after all
that work,
I feel so
tired...



What about
shampoo
and bath...

Domow-
tun.

If you
don't sleep
on the
futon...

Oh, I'm
assuming
you...

...he's
deeply
asleep.

Domow-
tun.



Good night.

stroke



Search for a place that would take her in for a while...

Contact the kindergarten to notify them about Chizu's absence.

All right, now I will go to the shop and check up on the clock.

I feel asleep over the desk.

I FELT ASLEEP BEFORE I KNEW IT...

I'VE JUST REALIZED.

Mm...

Good morning.

Okay. I got it. Take care.

Yes...

...hello.

It's morning already?

Oh I can't find any... I'll go home and bring over some clean clothes...

flap

USUALLY I GET SO NERVOUS THAT I CAN'T SLEEP WHEN STAYING AT A STRANGER'S HOUSE.

I could be exhausted.

She still has a fever...



How many times has he stolen his book?

Morning.
I already heard from Shin-chan.

Good morning.

This is the stock for today.

This is the fourth time.



He said to entrust the confirmation to you, Oosawa-san.



No.
I'm happy if he thinks like that.

You sure read it enough, huh?

He told me to remember you. You're probably busy with raising your child. But he'll entrust the shop to you little by little.



—
I NEED TO DO MY BEST..

I CAN'T KEEP TROUBLING OTHERS.

I NEED TO DO MY BEST..

I'M VERY BUSY
WITH RAISING
MY DAUGHTER
AND WORKING.

BUT SO GLAD
THAT I'M ABLE
TO EARN SUCH
TRUST.

Well,
then...
See you!

Good
work!

"You don't
have to worry
about the stocks,
you can count on
Yamada-san".

Tenshou
told me.

Wahaha~
That's nice to
hear! He defi-
nitely won't
say that to
me himself.

Okay,
every-
thing's
good.



Oh! So
you want
out to
get some
clean
clothes?

I'm going
back to
the store
at nine.

Good
morning.

Morning.
You're sleepy!

close







Hahaha
I'm not going to peek, so you don't have to worry.

Please don't...



Stop saying weird things and get out of here.

Heem... dam, I was expecting a bit more exposure.



What service?

What's wrong with a little bit service?



...just how serious is he...?

close



Though I don't know if my cooking will suit a chef's taste.

It's fine... I'll eat it.

Ah! Sorry!

Thanks for the bath.

*He even
prepares
breakfast
for us...*

I'M NOT A
FORMAL GUEST,
SO I SHOULD BE
MORE THOUGHT-
FUL AND HELP
AROUND.

I'll take
this to the
table.

Okay.
Please
do.

Clark

Chloe

Nashio-
kun...

open

...the
mon
from
yester-
day...

That's
right.

Good
morning!

Do you
remember
me?

Yeah!

Are you
already
waking
around?

Where
are we?

Yogurt or jelly
or pudding?
Anything's fine.
As long as you
eat and take
your medicine.

Would you
like to eat?

This is
Nashio-
kun's
house.





Why do you
always come
by the shop if
you can cook
for yourself?

Eating
alone is
boring.

Really?
Good
then.

Ah...
delicious.



Don't
worry...

You're a
lonely boy
after all.

Ah...



But you
don't have
to push
yourself.

There are
things that
I have to
do as well.

Okay,
I'll be
home
quite
early.

My company
is nearby.

About the
same time as
yesterday.

Uhm, Ohou
and I will be
using the
kitchen to
cook tonight.

Yashiro-san,
when
will you be
home?

If you have
any requests,
just call me.







Is your father always like this?

When I wake up, he'd already be back at the house to hang the laundry, then he'd make breakfast and take me to the kindergarten.

He also picks me up then takes me to the daycare center after that. Going back and forth from the shop.



Working the shop!

He'd be done with the laundry and went out before I even wake up.

Yeah.



Yeah.

Neely-hun is amazing.



Your father is truly amazing.

Even though he's busy, he still cooks for you...



How's Chiu-
chan?

She's getting
well although
there's still a bit
of fever left, so
I had her skip
school today.

cut
cut

Morning.
Thanks for
yesterday.

Yoshida can't
move again today
because of his
strained back.

Good
morning.

Yeah...

right, very
early...

Is she sleeping
alone now?

Yeah.

Ah...
I'll check
on her from
time to time
though...

LOOK AT
HIS LACK
OF TRUST...

Yoshi-
oka-san...

Will
she be
okay?

Rather than
Chiu-
chan,
Ootawa-kun
is in more
danger!

Yoshi-
oka-san's
house?

W
H
A
A
T
!?



I WAS
REALLY
WORRIED
THAT
TIME.

TO BE
HONEST,
I WAS
REALLY
SAMED
BACK
THEN.

BUT



Hurry up and
get to work.

Has
he done
some-
thing to
you!?

ARGH!

He's done
nothing.



Oh.. but I need
to get ready would
something like this
happen again
in the future





BUT THERE'S STILL
SO MUCH THAT
I DON'T KNOW...

I THOUGHT
I KNEW A LOT
ABOUT HIM...





NOTE: RYOKU is a typical Japanese stream house, which contains 3 multipurpose rooms: a Living room, a Dining room and a Kitchen.









"I CAN MEET HIM
THIS WEEKEND."



Hello.

I GUESS
THIS TIME
WE NEED
TO POST
PONE IT...

THIS
MIGHT
DISAP-
POINT
HER,
BUT...

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Chapter 3



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THERE'S
NO MEANING
STAYING
TOGETHER
LIKE THIS

I HAVE
TO TAKE
CARE OF
CHIZU
ALONE.

NACK-
KUN,
YOU'RE
ALMOST
NEVER
HOME.

ALL
THE
TIME

ALL
THE
TIME



IT WAS
LIKE A
SCENE YOU
WOULD
SEE ON TV.

THAT...

I'M...

STOP
SPOILING
YOUR-
SELF.

YOU MUST
HAVE THOUGHT
YOUR JOB IN
THIS FAMILY
IS TO EARN
MONEY...
DON'T YOU?

AFTER THAT,
KANA-SAN...

LEFT CHIZU
AND WENT
AWAY.

BUT THE
TRUTH IS...

I JUST
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

I'M
SORRY...

EVEN THOUGH
I SHOULD HAD
KNOWN THAT IT
MIGHT HAPPEN
ONE DAY.



BUT SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE WAY...
I ENDED UP DOING
IT FOR NOTHING.

SINCE OUR FAMILY
SUDDENLY GOT
BIGGER, I HAD
BEEN DOING MY
BEST AT WORK.

I WAS
SO HAPPY
WHEN
WE GOT A
CHILD.



I WONDER WHY
I THOUGHT THAT IF
WE GOT MARRIED,
WE'D BE ABLE TO HAVE
A "LIFE" TOGETHER.

FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING,
WHEN WE WERE
STILL DATING,
WE BARELY
HAD TIME TO
BE TOGETHER.

I WORKED
EARLY IN THE
MORNING AND
ALWAYS CAME
HOME LATE
AT NIGHT.



My
back
doesn't
act up.

Yeah.

I'm
closing
the
door.



The last
customer
has left.



Thank
you very
much~



I guess
I'm getting
a bit tired.



Go home to
Chizu-chan.

But...

Kaneki and I
can manage
the cleaning
up and
tomorrow's
preparation.



Goodnight.

you can
go now.





Welcome home.



The light's on.



Close

Thank you.



Her fever's gone down. And she ate well.



Chizu-chan is asleep already.

We're the family!

I'm home.



Would you like some coffee?

You're welcome.

Oh, thank you.

I also need to thank you

for doing the laundry

and the delicious meal as well.

—

thump



Sorry... handwashing is also an interesting habit for men...

Because you're a handworker, no wonder people who are interested in you show up one after another.

I love seeing you properly praise me.

There is no reason...

What is it?

Nothing. I just thought you're quite a refined person...



you'd have better relationships.







I'll do fine
by myself.

But I
can't keep
spoiling
myself like
this.

"STOP
SPOILING
YOUR-
SELF."



well...
since
you're
helping
me...

That's...

But
the fact is
living here
is easier for
you, isn't it?



THAT'S

Have you
ever thought
of leaving
her at an
orphanage?



Dosaku-
kun, aren't
you putting
yourself?



Even though we live like this.

I just can't think of entrusting her to others.

I'm happy as long as we're together.

Even if it's hard.



DOES THAT MEAN I'M NOT CAPABLE OF RAISING HER?

Maybe...

I can't take care of everything.

But...

L

Choose her to hold back on a lot of things.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I TRIED TO DO MY BEST BEFORE, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE ALL IN VAIN







"I THINK
YOU'RE
DOING
WELL."



Tenshou...
and Yohio-san.
They're
both good
people.

"IT WAS
DELICIOUS.
THANK
YOU."



I sure
hope it's
big these
few days.



IT'S NOT LIKE...

I'M DOING IT
TO GET PRAISED.

BUT HEARING HIM
SAY SO AT WHAT
I'M WORRIED ABOUT
THE MOST...





Put
yourself
together,
Ossawa!

Ack!

No, it's
not like
that!

It's not
like I'm
worried of
anything!

IT MAKES ME
FEEL RELIEVED.



CRAP...





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Chapter 4



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~~~~~stare



If you don't sleep like a good boy, I'll kiss you right here, right now.

whisper



I won't care if you catch my fever.

Ah, too bad.

I'll be in your care then...

DRAMA

I told you I won't care.

Then Osewa-lun will nurse me back to health.



No worries, I'm sure you'll feel responsible if I do.





Sorry...

I'VE  
MADE HER  
ENDURE  
ANOTHER  
ONE...

It's  
all  
right.

Chou,  
I'm sorry.  
You're  
supposed  
to meet  
your mom  
today...



Chou-  
chon, shall  
we go  
together?

Well then,  
I'm going  
shopping.  
You should  
rest.

If anything  
happens, just  
call me.

I'm just going  
to the shop  
across the street.

Okay...



We've  
gone  
now.

I'll sure  
learn how  
to hate  
her...

Yeah...

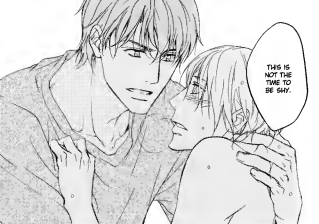


Nachi-kun  
will get  
better if  
he sleeps  
in peace.

Yes.

close





THIS IS  
NOT THE  
TIME TO  
BE SHY.



I know it's  
going to be  
around  
again too...

When it  
comes to  
Yoshikazu-  
kun,  
nothing  
is...

I think he  
wiped my body  
dry and put  
some clothes  
on me.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
I WAS  
FAINTING...

COME ON,  
HOLD ON  
TO ME.

...OHAYO.

SHINJI  
LOVES ME!









I COULD HEAR THE COMFORTING SOUNDS OF KITCHEN KNIVES AND LAUGHTER.

I COULDN'T EAT MUCH AT LUNCH TIME, THEN GOT BACK TO BED AFTER TAKING THE MEDICINE.



Wash the bubbles off.

THOSE VOICES SEEMED SO FAR AWAY.

I OPENED MY EYES.

Chizu is laughing



Look how she's leaving Pua.

ANYSE CHIZU WOULD LOVE TO LIVE WITH YOSHIOKA-SANE.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE SHE LAUGHED LIKE THIS.





open

Time for dinner.

Can you get up?

Dinner!



Ah...

Yes...

What should I do...  
I don't have any appetite.



Okay...

Even if you don't have an appetite, you should at least eat a little.

I heard they're good for cold.

We put in lots of scallions.







uh.



No, thank!

Shall I help you change?



And here, something to wipe off your sweat with.

I thought you might be sweating. Change into that.



What is the world is he?

It's really good at dealing with children.

close



Well then, come over to the table after you change.

Then, then, help me line up the chopsticks.

out





LOOKS LIKE



CHIZU'S NOT  
THE ONLY ONE  
WHO'S BEING  
HANDLED  
PERFECTLY

I THINK  
I MIGHT BE  
ONE, TOO





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Thank  
you  
for the  
meal.

THIS MY THIRD  
MORNING AT  
YOSHIOKA-SAN'S  
PLACE...

TO THINK  
I'VE BEEN  
TROUBLING  
MY CUSTOMER  
THIS LONG...

I did leave  
some food  
last night...

...no, I  
didn't.

Go back to  
bed after  
you take it,  
you still have  
a fever.

Here's your  
medicine.

You forced  
yourself to  
finish the  
food, didn't  
you?

I need to get  
well quickly,  
and leave.  
I can't afford  
to trouble  
you longer...

Please  
don't make  
fun of  
me.

Well, it's  
better than  
not eating  
at all.

We're such a  
serious guy.

You can  
live here if  
you want.

Osawa-  
kun... you're  
interesting.



I didn't  
say that  
carelessly.



That  
again...

Please  
don't say  
such things  
so care-  
lessly.



Second...  
I like living  
with Chou-  
chan and  
Gosawa-  
kun...

Well, first of  
all, it's easier for  
Gosawa-kun.



I like  
Yasshi,  
too!





It's only  
been  
a few  
days...

There's  
bound to  
be lots of  
troubles  
later...

I know.



It's obvious  
that when  
you're living  
together with  
others, there  
would be  
problems.

Or just a  
thoughtless  
person...?

To  
be...

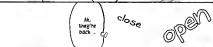
an adult...?

Then go  
to bed.

Neeh-hun,  
brush your  
teeth after  
you eat.

...okay.







~~~~~stare2



And
I thought
this person
wouldn't
fall for him.

Sei-don...
how in the
world...

What
is it?



What
does that
mean...

Oh,
I thought
you pushed
yourself too
much and
caught a
fever or so...

I've been
coughing
for a while
because
I caught
a cold.

Fat...

You're
wrong.



Nothing!

...he really
hasn't done
anything to
you?



I was
wondering
what I
should do
if he broke
up again
because
of me.

...I
see.

Good
then.





Even when I was
dating someone
else, I'd come
crying to Sei-chan
if it didn't go well.

I know he
just couldn't
refuse
because
he's kind.

But he still
treated me well.
I know he never
loved me. So I
parted with him.



HE'S
WORSE
THAN
YOSHIO-
DAN.

You still like
this man, after
all, grow up.



Or get in
Sei-chan's
way every-
time he has
a lover...



I don't
want to
be left
alone.

I always
have this
feeling that
I'd lose my
very last
place to
return to.



Some-
how...



...but, because
of my actions,
Sei-chan is
always alone.

That's why...
Now I realize
I've done
bad things.

I think

"I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
NOW!"

ALL
I'VE FOUND
A REALLY
NICE GUY
THIS TIME

Sei-chan
not the running
Chase not
see running

Sei-chan... when
he found someone
he loves, he'd try to
make him happier
than himself. He'd
pull away from him
unconsciously.

True...

That's why
he's always
alone.

He really should
try and chase
that someone

It would have
been better
if you had never
got in the way

But I have
a feeling
Sei-chan's the
reason he's
so quick to
find
the next.

He was
wrong
as well.

Yoshiko-
san knew
what he
was doing.

He's an
adult
after all.





She's my daughter.

What's with this little girl...

Why are you here...



That's why I think I should stop depending on you. So I came to take my belongings.



Hey...

Should anything happen, I'll deal with it myself.



Good afternoon.

Where are you near-
next?

Eeeeee!!?

bows

GOOD AFTER-
NOON!!



It's going well this time, right?



Don't just
laugh in there.
Hurry up and
find yourself
a good guy.

I won't be
in your way
anymore.

?



I see.

Tib—

That
smile
somehow
irritates
me.

I'm
glad to
hear that.



pick them
up myself!

I
wanted
to

If those are
all of your
belongings,
I could have
them
delivered
to you.



Tib...
There are
fourteen
more...

...all of
them belong
to me at
least... ♪

THERE ARE MORE
BOXES WITH NAMES
IN THOSE RACKS...





それなりに真剣なんです。上



それなりに真剣なんです。

上



rainy weather

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I just
can't sit
around
doing
nothing...

They say
you're most
vulnerable
when you're
still healing.

If we do it
together
we'll finish
it faster.

After we've
done with
this, be sure
to go back
to bed.

Well...
I do like that
part of you.

THERE ARE SO
MANY THINGS
THAT WE MIGHT
NOT KNOW IF WE
DON'T GET TO
KNOW EACH
OTHER PROPERLY.

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AFTER A
FEW DAYS
HERE, THE
IMAGE THAT
I HAVE OF
YOSHIOKA-
SAN...

RELUCTANT

...obscure

Where's
your
answer?

Looks like...
he casually
ignored me
saying
I like him.

CHANGES...

It was a find,
indeed. But I don't
know whether it's
good or bad for
me to know.

THE FACT THAT
HE WAS IN AN
ORPHANAGE AS
A CHILD AND
ABOUT HIM BEING
KINDER THAN
HE SHOULD BE...

about
your
liking
men...

Hmm?

Um...
It might
be rude
of me to
ask...

Your-lun sure
was cute. I'm
happy that he's
grown up into
such a wonder-
ful man...

I've been
chasing boys
even before
I entered the
orphanage.

It's in his
nature.

SOMETHING
PAINFUL AND
TRAUMA-
TIZING... IF
THAT'S SO,
IT'S SAD

Well...
was there
some kind
of family
circum-
stances...

No...



It's not like that!

you ARE thinking about me?

So

I was just thinking there might be some kind of reason...



Don't worry.

And it's not because something didn't go well for me or anything of that sort.

It's not like I hate people blindly.



Ah...

DID I GO TOO FAR...?

I'm sorry.

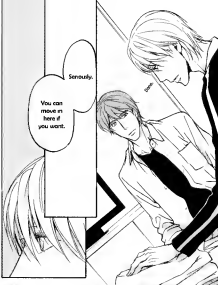
Oh! There goes the last one.

It's really faster doing it together.

You're right.

I WONDER IF HE THINKS I'M SEEING HIM IN A NARROW VIEW...

YOSHIOKA-SAN SEEMS EASY-GOING, BUT I GOT THE FEELING THAT HE'S DRAWING A LINE BETWEEN HIM AND OTHERS.



You can
move in
here if
you want.

Seriously.

HE'S ALWAYS
LAUGHING,
MAKING IT HARD
TO GUESS WHAT HE
THINKS INSIDE.

He's a
hard one
to under-
stand...

Tencho
is a really
clever one



"I HATE YOSHINO!
I HATE TADOSH! WHO
CAN'T READ!"



I'll pick her up
on my way home
from work, and
we can be here
together at the
same time.

It's closer to
the kindergar-
ten, so you
can cut the
time of leaving
her there.

All That
kinds
horris...

And you can
take money
from the door
come feet.

Should anything
happens, your
shop and the
hospital are
closer as well.

Just
pay for the
part you're
staying at.

If you
really
mind.

You don't
have to pay
anything
staying here.

It'd be a bad
environment
for my child...

If only
you'd be
my lover...
There would
be enough
reasons.

Hehehehe~

Man...

That
again.

That isn't
going to
happen.

You don't
have any
reason to go
that far.

That
would
be too
cheap.

APPRO-
PRIATE
REASON.
YES.

CH 126 • I Down • (Dingo and Witches)

So please.
Think
about it.

Ah...

Okay...

LATELY...

That's the
real reason
then...

Well...
truth be
told,

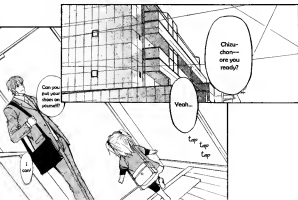
It's because
I get lonely
sometimes.

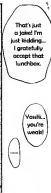
IT SEEMS LIKE
I'M GETTING
TO KNOW
HIM LITTLE
BY LITTLE...





THAT NIGHT MY TEMPERATURE
ELEVATED AGAIN,
BUT IT COMPLETELY
WENT DOWN THE
NEXT MORNING.







Be
careful
on the
way.



We're
going.

We're
going.



The clouds
should dry
quickly.

Oh, the
weather
is nice
today.

MAYBE...
THIS KIND
OF LIFE
WOULD
BE NICE...

BUT
SOMEDAY,
IT WILL
BREAK
LITTLE BY
LITTLE...



You know,
the way was
really sweet
and delicious.

IT JUST HADN'T
NOT GO WELL...



Now that
the laundry
and cleaning
are done...





...pleased
to meet
you, too.

Pleased
to meet
you.

Sorry for
suddenly
calling
you out.

Err...

this is
Horibito-
san.

I'm
planning...
to marry
Horibito-
san.



And he said
he wouldn't
mind taking
Chou in.

Horibito-san
is divorced as
well, and he
has a son, one
year older
than Chou.

So...
I know
this is a
selfish
request,
but

we would
like to take
in Chou.

But...



So you
see...

WHAT
IS THIS?

last week,
when it was
supposed to
be my turn
to take care
of Chiou.

Actually,

But it
didn't work
out since
she caught
a cold...

I was
planning to
let the two of
them meet
so they could
talk to each
other.



I JUST
DON'T GET
WHAT
THEY'RE
SAYING...

MY EARS...

MY HEAD...



In this case,
I think it's
better to act
as fast as
possible.

while
she's still
young...

I know this
is a selfish
request, after
all this time...

But this
is too
sudden...

We'll
pick her up
from the
kindergarten
on Friday
evening.

If possible,
we'd like to
let her live
with us
after that.



About her living environment, I'm sure she'll be in a better one than what she's in now.



THE MAN
CANAYAN
HAS
CHOSEN



EVERY
THING
WAS
AHEAD
OF
HIM



But

let me
think
about
it...

L
see...

I
under-
stand.

We'll explain
everything
to Chizu...

but please
give us an
answer by
Friday.

I know
this has
been a
surprise...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



WHAT IS
THE BEST
FOR CHIZU'S
FUTURE...

open

"YOU CAN MOVE IN
HERE IF YOU WANT."

And I need
to bring in the
laundry...

...Ah, I
almost
forgot.

I need to
go shopping
for dinner

Then go
get Chizu.

After
that...

LIVING WITH
YOSHIOKA-SAN...
JUST MIGHT...

HE'S JUST
SOMEONE
WHO'S BEEN
HELPING
ME THESE
COUPLE OF
DAYS...

What good
would it do...
talking to
Yoshiooka-san
about this.

TONIGHT,
AFTER
DINNER...
WE'LL GO
HOME THEN.

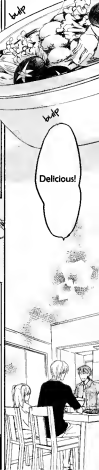
How much
more am I
going to rely
on him...?

THINGS
WOULD
RETURN AS
THEY WERE
BEFORE.

YOSHIOKA-SAN
WOULD GO BACK
TO BEING JUST MY
CUSTOMER FROM
THE SHOP...









Cooking
and making
lunchboxes
everyday.

It's really
important
for a child..

Looks like
you don't have
a hard time
making them.
It shows how
hard you've
been working
all this time.



SAVED ME...
A LITTLE BIT.

JUST A FEW
WORDS FROM
YOSHIOKA-SAN



He is
concerned
about me...

Love?

You're
finally back
to your
usual self.

There's
nothing
like that
in there.

Hehehe~
I wonder, the
secret flavors
must come
from your
love for me.

Thanks.

Noodle-fruit,
dumplings-

wait
you go.

Get me
some meat
dumplings.

SHOULD I

Ossawa-
fruit, you're
not eating?

NO,
CHIZU IS
HERE.

IT'S BETTER
TO LEAVE
HAPPILY.

TALK TO HIM...
ABOUT CHIZU?











ALAYBE...

HE DID
THAT SO I
WOULDN'T
THINK TOO
MUCH ABOUT
THINGS...



BECAUSE
IT HAD
BEEN FUN
STAYING
TOGETHER,

No...
Did he
just
want to?

I want
to...

LEAVING
SOMEONE
ALONE IN
THAT BIG
SPACE

SOMEHOW...
MAKES ME SAD.



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"WE WOULD LIKE
TO TALK IN DETAIL..."



BUT

WHENEVER
I THINK
ABOUT HER
FUTURE LIFE
AND MY
ECONOMIC
CONDITION...

...that's
what I
want...



I do
think it's
a selfish
request.

After all
she was
the one
who left
child.

SOMETHING
BETTER THAN
RAISING HER
ALONE
BY MYSELF...







HE SAID HE'D
ALSO HELP
WITH MY LIFE.

"SERIOUSLY?"

"YOU CAN MOVE IN
HERE IF YOU WANT!"

STILL A FEW
DAYS LEFT...

Keep an
eye.

But
that's
not
good

Once
I have
things like
this, only,
I'd start
wondering
for more.

Not only
about the
present...
I also need
to think
about the
future...

Let's
think

ABOUT WHAT'S
BEYOND FOR CHIZU...



Looks like
you've fully
recovered.

Hesshi,
wrap the salad for
lunch and
put it in
the fridge.

Ah... sorry,
I forgot.

open



That's
because
you just
can't
learn fast
enough.

Man... it
was really
hard without
Oosawa-san
around.

The sword
and the
glasses
have gone...

I'm
sorry.

You, too,
Tenshou.
Looks like
your back is
fine now.



That's
right.
I was
really
worried.

En...

By the
way.

That
Yohioke
didn't do
anything
to you,
did he?

Well...
There aren't
many people
who can learn
as fast as
Oosawa.
Guess I can't
help that...



Is there anything that you can't say?!

What's with that awkward gap?!

(Well, only a him)
.....
nothing.



Ehh?

The sake shop's old man scolded his son.

Things were built to normal in a flash...

He really does things fast!

That bastard Yoshi-oka!

Stop complaining!

Obay.

Ah, Komeda, go get the sake.

Somewhat better than usual a good pair...



I'm telling you. Nothing happened.

On the contrary, he kept saying that.

I'll talk to him when he comes in.

Oh yeah... Will he come today?

You mean Yoshi-oka-san?





He always
laughs like he
has it easy.

It's not
like he's
a tough
one.

he always
acts as if
he opens his
heart and
would reach
out his hands
to anyone,

yet when he
himself is in
trouble, he
won't call
out for help.
I hate that.

I just
have the
feeling
that he's
rejecting
others.

And he also
goes around
others as if
he's taken a
living to them.
That's really
irritating.



To people he'd say
just depend on me
or rely on me.
Yet when the time
comes, he won't
rely on others.

He's
really
impor-
tant.

there was a
time when you
wanted him to
depend on you.

in other
words,

TENCHOU AND
YOSHIOKA-SAN,
THEY'VE KNOWN
EACH OTHER
SINCE SCHOOL-
DAYS

Don't say
DEPEND!
At least say
RELY! That
gives me
the shivers.

HAA!!

Don't
joke
with me!!

Flunkie
a ton
around
the school
yard.

What a
bunny?

More
importantly...
I just can't
understand
homos.

Ho-
ho-
ho-





Welcome.

Welcome.



Oh.

I'm the first.



Thanks to you.

I've been in your care.

That's good to hear.

First life
It's been since yesterday

You look well.



That was because
you're the first
of the first...

...

Yes
No
Yes
No



So now you
greet me
with a smile.



T.M. Inagaki is a class of eight small illustrations and various Japanese captions.





You're wrong!

I can't hear this.

?

What was that?

you're still angry about that stolen kiss?

Whoa-
You're really here.

slide

Well...

Man, you're cold. Even though it's been a while since we last met.

I think that's *stalker-sen*. One of the ex-lovers that he brought here before.

Well, come.

Good thing I stop by here before coming to your place.

pats

Do you not want to?

What's up?

rattle

Can't hear?

Go ahead



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If you've
got no lover,
make me a
candidate.

Let
me stay
at your
place.



...let's
see.



YOSHIOKA-SAN
AND THIS GUY..

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EVEN AFTER
BREAKING
UP, THOSE
WHO DATED
YOSHIKAKA-
SAN WOULD
MEET WITH
HIM ONCE
IN A WHILE.

Really.

Oh yeah...
I heard
Sakuma
just broke
up.

Looks like
there's no
way they'll
make up
again.

and that is
worse for
him to accept
Akato-san
instead.

I need
to tell
him that
Akato is
moving
out...

And
over,
a while
ago...

Well,
yeah...
I don't
know.

Are you
asking
him
about
you?

YOSHIKAKA-
SAN AND
MAKOTO-
SAN.

WHAT
IS THIS...

HOW DEEP
WAS THEIR
RELATION-
SHIP...?

I'M GETTING
A BIT WEIRD.

Over
here,
please.

Wel-
come—

slide

WELL, I'M
REALLY
WIDE

What
is it?

You were
about to
say some-
thing,
right?

Right when
Maboko
entered,
I didn't hear
what you
were saying.

Yes?

Oo-
sawo-
fun..

Oo-
sawo-
fun..

Oo-
sawo-
fun..

I HAVE A
FEELING...

It's
no-
thing

I'll tell
you
some
other
time.

I WON'T
BE ABLE TO
EXPLAIN IT
VERY WELL.









¹For example, *Shogun* is often cited with great success and authority as "evidence of the Meiji Restoration."



on to



ENTERING
WITH THE
KEY WOULD
BE A BIT...

Open

Sorry.

But the
lights
are on...

Is he taking
a shower? Or did
he leave yet?

silence

ding dong

Ah, it
isn't
night
after
all...

Wow...?
Is he
asleep?

Wow...

Were you
asleep?

I'm
sorry.
This...

...Vampire
son.





I think we still have lots of puddings and jellies, don't we?

It's really cool to live home now...



You didn't take your medicines!
That's weird.



Have you eaten anything?

Wish... no appetite.



Your temperature is quite high. I'll keep your logs.



Um... yes...



That's good for now. Eat then take your medicines.

So people who take care of others but don't take care of themselves do exist, huh?







Okay.

Just set
it to the
lowest
beam.

Hey,
the light
is on.

Then
should
I switch
it off?

So he
really
can't?

No...

You can't
sleep without
the light...?



Stay
here
until
I fall
asleep.





Okay then.

"TO PEOPLE WE'D SAY JUST DEPEND ON ME OR RELY ON ME YET WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE WON'T RELY ON OTHERS."



...are you a kid?

I'm already sleepy, so it'll be just for a while.



Is it because of his fear?

Yes, it is...

depending on that



I NEED TO STAY BY CHIZU'S SIDE, NOW MORE THAN EVER...

BUT IF THIS IS JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE...



Wahahaha-
son,

you're the
one that
should learn
to rely on
others...

You always
tell people to
depend on you,
yet you always
try to do
everything
by yourself!



He looks
like he's
in pain...





...Oo-
sawar-
Iruu.

Oo-
sawar-
Iruu.



your
cold will
come
back.

if you
don't sleep
right...

Pull

